

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a portable computer including a keyboard, a display, a housing, a computer electrical connector and a computer mechanical connector; and

a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing defining an exterior, a speaker, a user-manipulatable playback control element associated with the exterior of the housing, a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector and a storage and playback device mechanical connector configured to mate with the computer mechanical connector;

the computer electrical connector, computer mechanical connector, storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback device mechanical connector being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

2. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer electrical connector and the storage and playback device electrical connector comprise USB connectors.

3. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portable computer housing includes a first housing portion and a second housing portion pivotable relative to the first housing portion between an open position and a closed position.

4. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the keyboard is mounted on the first housing portion and the display is mounted on the second housing portion.

5. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a portable computer including a keyboard, a display, a housing with a handle, a computer electrical connector on the handle and a computer mechanical connector on the handle; and

a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a speaker, a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector and a storage and playback device mechanical connector configured to mate with the computer mechanical connector;

the computer electrical connector, computer mechanical connector, storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback device mechanical connector being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

6. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the computer housing handle defines a portion of an overall device handle and the storage and playback device defines a remainder of the overall device handle.

7. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recorded media storage and playback device comprises a digital storage medium and a digital decoder.

8. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one speaker comprises a pair of speakers and the speakers are movable between respective storage positions and use positions.

9. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein computer mechanical connector comprises a latch and the storage and playback device mechanical connector comprises a latch aperture.

10. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer housing is connected to the storage and playback device housing when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

11-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A portable recorded media storage and playback device for use with a portable computer having a computer mechanical connector and a computer electrical connector, the portable media recording and playback device comprising:

a housing;

a pair of speakers;

a pair of slidable arms on which the speakers are respectively mounted, the slidable arms being movable between respective storage positions substantially within the housing and respective use positions substantially outside the housing;

the housing, pair of speakers and slidable arms together being sized, shaped and arranged to be worn on a user's head with the speakers facing respective ears when the arms are in the use positions;

a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector; and

a storage and playback device mechanical connector configured to mate with the computer mechanical connector;

the storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback device mechanical connector being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer mechanical connector mates with the storage and playback device mechanical connector.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the slidable arms are flexible, have a preset curvature and, when in the use positions, extend substantially perpendicularly from the housing.

19. (Original) A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the housing comprises first side and a second side opposite the first and the storage and playback device electrical connector is associated with the first side, the device further comprising:

a control panel associated with the second side of the housing.

20. (Original) A portable recorded media storage and playback device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the storage and playback device mechanical connector comprises at least one housing aperture.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a portable computer including a housing that defines an exterior, a front end that faces in a forward direction and a rear end, a keyboard, a display that faces in the forward direction, and a computer electrical connector that faces in the forward direction; and

a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a speaker and a media storage and playback device electrical connector;

the portable computer and recorded media storage and playback device being respectively configured such that the recorded media storage and playback device is fixedly mountable on the exterior of the portable computer housing and, when so mounted, the computer electrical connector that faces in the forward direction will mate with the media storage and playback device electrical connector.

23. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the portable computer housing includes a latch and the recorded media storage and playback device includes a corresponding latch aperture.

24. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the computer housing includes a handle and the computer electrical connector is associated with the handle.

25. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the recorded media storage and playback device comprises a digital storage medium and a digital decoder.

26. (Original) A system, comprising:

a portable computer including a main housing having a handle, a display housing pivotable relative to the main housing between an open position and a closed position, a keyboard associated with the main housing, a display associated with the display housing, a computer electrical connector mounted on the handle and a computer latch device mounted on the handle; and

a recorded media storage and playback device including a housing, a digital storage medium, a pair of arms movable between respective storage positions substantially within the housing and respective use positions substantially outside the housing, a pair of speakers mounted on the arms, a storage and playback device electrical connector configured to mate with the computer electrical connector and a housing aperture configured to mate with the computer latch device;

the computer electrical connector, computer latch device, storage and playback device electrical connector and storage and playback housing aperture being arranged such that the computer electrical connector will mate with the storage and playback device electrical connector when the computer latch device mates with the storage and playback device housing aperture.

27. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user-manipulatable playback control element comprises a button.

28. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user-manipulatable playback control element is associated with a control panel.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the control panel includes a display.